

STATE SERVICE PLAN 2013-2015



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State Service Plan Overview

Serve Idaho's 2013-2015 State Service Plan is a three-year plan which describes the Commission priorities and goals. The three year state plan is effective January 1, 2013 and will guide the work of the Serve Idaho Commission.

Public input was critical in the development of this State Service Plan. Input was gathered through a survey as well as a stakeholder meeting hosted in partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service State Office and the Idaho Department of Education. Serve Idaho Commission members and staff participated in the meeting as facilitators and hosts. The following organizations were represented: K-12 and higher education, aging networks, non-profit agencies, community and faith-based organizations, national service programs, government agencies, organizations representing Veteran's and Military families, businesses, community leaders, hospitals, foundations, service organizations, and local volunteers.

Comments are welcome at any time and will be considered on an annual basis when the State Service Plan is updated. Please submit comments to renee.cox@labor.idaho.gov.

Serve Idaho Commission History

Serve Idaho, The Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, was established through Executive Order by Governor Cecil D. Andrus in 1994 as a result of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993 and the creation of AmeriCorps. The Commission was established to advise and assist in the development and implementation of a comprehensive, statewide plan for promoting volunteer involvement and citizen participation in Idaho, as well as to serve as the state's liaison to national, state and community organizations which support the intent of the National and Community Service Trust Act.

Serve Idaho a division of the Department of Labor is funded by grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service and through cash and in-kind donations from state and local partners. Serve Idaho is funded in part by the Corporation for National and Community Service and the Idaho Department of Labor and does not receive general funds from the state.

Serve Idaho Commission Mission

Serve Idaho, the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, is a division of the Idaho Department of Labor. The mission of Serve Idaho is ***"To Encourage Volunteerism and Community Service."*** We administer and oversee the AmeriCorps programs and bring together Idahoans from all walks of life and organizations across the state to increase civic engagement and meet community needs. We are committed to achieving the highest possible impact with our resources and ensuring effective management and full compliance for our programs.

Serve Idaho Programs

The Commission's work is carried out primarily through the following programs which engage Idahoans of all ages in service and volunteerism.

- **AmeriCorps** – Provides opportunities for Idahoans of all ages to help meet critical needs and make communities stronger. AmeriCorps members address issues such as — children's health, improvement of schools, environmental protection, Veteran and military family support and volunteer recruitment and training.
- **Training and Professional Development** – The annual Serve Idaho Conference on Service and Volunteerism provides volunteer management and professional development training for national service members, volunteer administrators representing the public and private sectors, service-learning educators and community volunteers.
- **Award Recognition** – The Governor's Brightest Stars Award event recognizes Idaho's unsung heroes who work tirelessly as volunteers to improve the quality of life for Idaho and its citizens.
- **Disability Inclusion** – Provides training and education to national service members and community organizations. Facilitates accommodations to make service opportunities possible for national service members with disabilities and cultivates an environment to increase the interest and engagement of those with disabilities in community service.

Goals of the Corporation for National and Community Service

Serve Idaho supports the strategic goals of our federal funding agency, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). The Commission receives the majority of its funding from CNCS and appreciates the impact it has in our communities. This funding allows us to meet critical needs and expand the reach of national and community service in Idaho.

CNCS Mission Statement: Improve lives, strengthen communities and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.

- **Goal 1:** Increase the impact of national service on community needs in communities served by CNCS-supported programs
- **Goal 2:** Strengthen national service so that participants engaged in CNCS-supported programs consistently find satisfaction, meaning and opportunity
- **Goal 3:** Maximize the value we add to grantees, partners and participants

Serve America Act Focus Areas

Disaster Services
Economic Opportunity
Education
Environmental Stewardship
Healthy Futures

Veterans and Military Families

- **Goal 4:** Fortify management operations and sustain a capable, responsive and accountable organization

In Idaho, the state Commission's focus for the next three years will be to address key CNCS focus areas by working with non-profits, state agencies and other organizations to increase the impact of national service programs Idaho.

Serve Idaho

Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism

2013 – 2015 State Service Plan

Serve Idaho brings together Idahoans from all walks of life and organizations across the state to increase civic engagement and meet community needs. We are committed to achieving the highest possible impact with our resources, and ensuring effective management and full compliance for our programs. This plan describes how we will build on our successes from the 2010-2012 plan.

The Serve Idaho Commissioners and staff created the state service plan at the annual fall retreat, reviewing accomplishments of the past year and examining the current needs based on the outreach strategies for the development of the new three year State Service Plan.

Our strategies for the goal to increase national service resources to benefit the citizens of Idaho are as follows:

Strategy Area Successes and Future Plans: AmeriCorps and National Service

The Commission has been very successful in securing quality applications for AmeriCorps program funding and in the 2012-2013 grant year was able to sub-grant all the formula funds allocated from CNCS. Idaho also has a competitive grant receiving over \$1.3 million dollars in funding from CNCS. The Commission is committed to allocating our resources to benefit the citizens of Idaho and has identified several organizations interested in a potential AmeriCorps program. Over the next three years we will continue to identify and reach out to community, faith-based, and other intermediary organizations for utilization of AmeriCorps funding. For example, Idaho's suicide rate is fourth highest in the U.S., and suicide is the second-leading cause of death for adolescents and young adults in Idaho. Thanks to widespread collaboration through the Treasure Valley and beyond, Idaho has established its own Suicide Prevention Hotline which will be operational in the fall of 2012. The hotline has enough financial support to be self-sustaining for two years. Mountain States Group leads structural oversight of the program and Serve Idaho will work with them on a potential AmeriCorps program. Serve Idaho will also help get the word out about the hotline and the importance of sustainability after the two year funding period has ended.

Goal 1: Increase national service resources to benefit the citizens of Idaho.

Objective: Generate at least two new AmeriCorps grant application submissions by reaching out to

community, faith-based, and other intermediary organizations by the end of 2015.

2013 Output – Reach out to and cultivate five potential AmeriCorps sub-grantees by **September 2013**.

2013 Outcome – Three new potential AmeriCorps sub-grantees will have participated in the AmeriCorps Grant application Technical and Training Assistance conference call and will have enhanced knowledge about the application process by **November 2013**.

The Commissioners will participate through the Commissioner engagement plan:

- Each Commissioner will canvass his/her community for potential organizations and act as a liaison prior to **August 2013**.
- All Commissioners will participate in training for identifying potential organizations during the next Commission meeting in **January 2013**.
- Interested Commissioners will participate in Technical and Training Assistance conference call taking place during the month of **November 2013**.

Strategy Area Successes and Future Plans: Special Initiatives

The Commission evaluated and implemented ways to engage individuals 55 over the past three years. Serve Idaho completed recruitment materials to encourage this population's involvement in AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and/or service and volunteerism within their communities. The recruitment material was inserted in the annual report mailer sent out by the Idaho Department of Labor Human Resource department to approximately 400 retirees. The Commission will continue to reach out to those 55+ but the focus for the following three years will be on rural Idahoans and Indian Nations.

Goal 2: Expand Serve Idaho resources to support traditionally underserved populations.

Objective 1: Develop new partnerships with organizations that serve rural Idahoans.

2013 Output – Deliver at least 2 presentations to Idaho Association of Counties and Association of Idaho Cities to make National Service programs known by **July 2013**.

2013 Outcome – Develop one new partnership to address a rural community need by **December 2013**.

The Commissioners will participate through the Commissioner engagement plan:

- Each Commissioner (with or without staff) will prepare and deliver at least one presentation about Serve Idaho, National Service and the importance of service and volunteerism by **November 2013**.

Objective 2: Forge partnerships and build relationships with Idaho's Indian nations.

2013 Output – Outreach to at least 2 tribal communities by July **2013**.

2013 Outcome – A tribal member will be serving as a Serve Idaho Commissioner by **December 2013**.

The Commissioners will participate through the Commissioner engagement plan:

- The Commission membership committee will contact potential tribal representatives by **July 2013**.

Strategy Area Successes and Future Plans: Increasing Opportunities

The Commission has effectively engaged community members in service projects and increased participation throughout Idaho communities. This was accomplished through a Commissioner driven MLK project, and the Idaho AmeriCorps week focusing on fighting childhood obesity and getting young and old out to play. The increase in participation and awareness was made possible by increased media coverage and having the Commissioners promote Serve Idaho events throughout their communities. Serve Idaho partnered with KBOI, a local TV station, for ten months organizing the guest schedule which featured Idaho Non-Profits on the Do More Mondays segments. This brought awareness to non-profits, Serve Idaho and other National Service programs, as well as, encouraging individuals to volunteer. The Commission will continue to increase awareness and participation in service and civic engagement in the following three years.

Goal 3: Increase representation of Serve Idaho and National Service through community service activities.

Objective 1: Increase awareness in national days of service and volunteerism

2013 Output: Commissioners will receive marketing materials by **January 17, 2013**.

2013 Output: Commissioners will participate in at least one National Day of service or volunteer event in their community by **December 2013**.

2013 Outcome: At least 70% of Commissioners will bring awareness to their community about National Days of Service, and the importance of service and volunteerism by **December 2013**.

Objective 2: Increase participation in service and civic engagement.

2013 Output: Commissioners will make contact with 15 citizens in their communities providing outreach materials for Serve Idaho and National Service by **September 2013**.

2013 Outcome: At least three of those contacted will have participated in a volunteer activity and their information will be reported to Serve Idaho by **October 2013**.

Serve Idaho is committed to promoting the CNCS values and mission as well as engaging and connecting citizens through volunteering and collaboration with the Idaho Department of Labor. Through its State Plan, Serve Idaho will meet its and CNCS's goals of improving lives, strengthening communities and fostering civic engagement through service and volunteering.